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<b>REMARKS</b>
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Claims 1, 3 and 4 have been amended and claims 9-16 have been added in order to better conform with U.S. practices. It is believed that the original scope of the claims has been maintained and that no new matter has been added.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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**CLEAN COPY OF THE CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

1. Cosmetic or dermatological preparations which are finely disperse water-in-oil systems [of the water-in-oil type] comprising
  1. an oil phase,
  2. a water phase,
  3. at least one modified phyllosilicate which exhibits both hydrophilic and lipophilic properties [, i.e. which has amphiphilic character] and positions itself at the water/oil interface and
  4. at most 0.5% by weight of one or more emulsifiers.
3. Preparations according to claim 1 [one of the preceding claims, characterized in that] , wherein further cosmetic or pharmaceutical auxiliaries, additives and/or active ingredients are present.
4. Preparations according to claim 1 [one of the preceding claims, characterized in that] , wherein the content of one or more modified phyllosilicates is between 0.05% by weight and 10% by weight [, advantageously between 0.1 and 2% by weight,] based on the total weight of the preparations.

Note: The phrase "[lacuna]" has also been deleted from claim 1. (Typographical error)